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18 November 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Commercialization of Civil Remote Sensing

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1. The attached letter thanks for forwarding a copy of COMSAT's Earthstar proposal. COMSAT originated the proposal in response to a Secretary of Commerce invitation (Commerce Business Daily of 10 September 1982) for expressions of interest from the private sector on ownership and/or operation of US land and weather satellites. As you know, COMIREX represents you on the interagency panel which has been reviewing such responses. A summary of this review will be sent to you separately.

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2. Briefly, COMSAT proposes that LANDSAT, METSAT and associated ground facilities be transferred to it through appropriate legislation, with a long-term contract to provide the necessary financing for a commercial operation. Our proposed reply indicates no reaction, favorable or otherwise. It commits us only to considering the proposal along with the many other factors involved.

3. I recommend your signature.

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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

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19 November 1982

Mr. James T. Lynn
Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
1735 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of 4 November 1982 forwarding a copy of COMSAT's "Earthstar" proposal regarding the commercialization of civil remote sensing. We will consider it within the overall context of our involvement in this subject.

Sincerely,



William J. Casey

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